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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6315
BILL NUMBER: SB 127

DATE PREPARED: Nov 13, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Family and social services evaluation committee.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill extends the current administrative structure of the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA) until July 1, 2002. (Current law provides for the expiration of the administrative structure on July 1, 1999.) The bill also creates the Family and Social Services Evaluation Committee. The committee is to study issues relating to the administrative structure of FSSA. The bill also provides that the committee consists of eight members and operates under the guidelines of the Legislative Council. The committee is to issue a final report to the Legislative Council not later than December 1, 2001.

The bill also requires the FSSA to implement methods to facilitate the payment of providers and to submit a report to the Legislative Council regarding such methods before July 1, 1999.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 1999; January 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Passage of this bill will continue the administrative structure of FSSA as it currently exists in statute. Depending upon the actions of the administration, failure to pass this bill, in practice, would not necessarily have an immediate fiscal impact if the positions were able to be absorbed or reallocated under the existing appropriations.

Current salary and fringe benefit levels of the Secretary of FSSA, four assistant secretaries and three division directors total about \$750,000 per year. Potential costs associated with the Family and Social Services Committee and the 3 division advisory councils would be about \$20,000 per year (based on historical per diem and travel expenditures). Therefore, the total expenditures associated with the 8 administrative positions and the advisory bodies total about \$770,000 per year. (If the statutory elimination of the offices were construed to include all individuals employed within the offices of FSSA, the total personnel costs associated with those positions would be significantly greater.)

The bill also establishes the Family and Social Services Evaluation Committee to meet during the interim

between the adjournment of the 2001 regular session of the General Assembly and November 1, 2001. The committee is to have 8 legislators as members with an average cost of about \$1,300 per meeting if all attend. Under current Legislative Council resolution, interim and statutory committees are allocated \$9,000. The committee is to be staffed by the Legislative Services Agency.

FSSA is also required by the bill to determine and implement methods to facilitate the payment of providers. Any potential costs associated with these different payment methods would depend upon future administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration; Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Lauren Polite, FSSA, 232-1149.